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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Andrew Geoffrey Tomlins et al.

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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.47(A)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), this petition is being filed to permit this application to proceed without signature by all of the inventors.

Submitted herewith is Form PTO-1533 as well as two declarations, one declaration signed by the inventors Tomlins, Brueckheimer and Stacey. The second declaration is signed by the inventor Shotton. Missing are signatures by the inventors Bhagat and Bernstein.

The remaining two inventors, Bhagat and Bernstein were temporary employees who left the employment of the assignee of this application (Nortel Networks Limited) before the application was prepared and initially filed. The Human Resources Department of Nortel Networks has been asked for addresses for Bhagat and Bernstein, but the Human Resources Department has no record of either company identity numbers for Bhagat and Bernstein (which would perhaps provide more information), nor, more importantly, of any forwarding addresses for the inventors Bhagat and Bernstein. Accordingly, after diligent efforts at attempting to find

addresses, it has been impossible to contact the inventors Bhagat and Bernstein and seek their signatures on this application.

The efforts to locate the two inventors continue, but it is doubtful that they will be found. Due to the time involved, it was necessary to proceed with this petition.

There is no last known address for the inventors, other than the address for the assignee, which is set forth in both of the enclosed declaration. If any additional information is located, that information will be provided to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

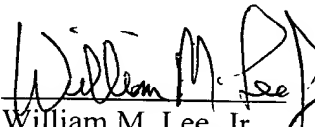
Also missing from this petition is execution of the declaration on behalf of the two inventors that cannot be found. That task is being accomplished, and this petition will be supplemented with a third declaration, signed by one of the other inventors on behalf of the inventors Bhagat and Bernstein.

Finally, submitted is a copy of the fee transmittal form of the Patent and Trademark Office, with the following three fees: (1) \$130 surcharge for late filing of the declaration, (2) \$1360 fee for the necessary petition for extension of time, and (3) \$130 fee for this petition.

For the reasons stated, and after supplementation of this petition with the declaration signed on behalf of the missing inventors Bhagat and Bernstein, it is requested that this petition be granted. Any further charged should be deducted from deposit account number 12-0913 after telephone authorization by the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,


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